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The Far ReachesTM



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I. History of the Five Kingdoms

In the days far past, the Argent Kings ruled the Land. Not much is remembered of those times but the empty castles, the fallen temples, and the lost grandeur of their cities haunt our legends.

It is said that the Argent Kings ruled with unsurpassed wisdom from their Citadel in Alkatesh. They were of an old race, with knowledge and skill in magic; yet, despite their great power, they could not prevent their own decline.

To prevent their knowledge from being forgotten, the Argent Kings established the Order of the Great Wizards; wise men and women from the Five Kingdoms of the Land who were chosen for their insight and potential. The Argent Kings taught them much of true magic, including their greatest achievement: making objects that focused their powerful energies.

As they began to weaken, the Argent Kings announced that one wizard would be chosen to lead the Order of the Great Wizards. They would give this wizard, the Archmage, all their knowledge as well as the Hand, an Amulet that was the source and focus for all magic. With this Amulet, the Archmage would justly rule over the Five Kingdoms.

All the wise leaders, then, looked to two brothers, Mobus and Torlok. They were the most powerful of the Great Wizards, though most felt Mobus was the wisest of the two. No one was more aware of Mobus' reputation than Torlok, who chafed whenever Mobus' name was spoken before his own.

Brooding in his pride, Torlok nursed a hateful plan on how he could prove he was the equal of Mobus. If he could obtain the Amulet, he could be the High Council Archmage, Ruler of the Five Kingdoms. Yet, he would need help. And thus began the downfall of Torlok.

He moved from Alkatesh and carved out the Caverns of Chaos in Shadoan, near the barren lands. There, he dealt with the dark powers, not realizing that he sold a part of himself with each bit of evil knowledge learned in the shadows. He surrendered whatever Good he had and became all that stood for Evil. His thirst for the Amulet and the power that came with it became unquenchable. All he could see was power. All he could think of was power until its image became a chasm of desire too deep ever to be filled. His brother was a hated enemy, a thief, an obstacle in the way of Torlok's pride. No one mattered; family and friends were forsaken in Torlok's quest for power. The only thing that existed was the exaltation of Torlok.

In the seventh year of the season of the west moon, the Argent Kings gathered all wizards and all rulers to hear their decision. As the crowd hushed in awed silence, the announcement was made: Mobus would rule as the Archmage.

A great shout of praise and relief flooded the expectant crowd. The tumult shook the towers and doors of Alkatesh. Everyone was bent on celebration. Everyone, that is, except Torlok. Hidden in his heart he nursed his evil plan. He fed it with spite and jealousy. He covered it with hate and death. It would be a matter of days before he would be ready to fulfill his plan.

Unaware of his dark plans, the people of the Five Kingdoms took to feasting and street parades. Over the next few days, Mobus chose his high council and shared with Torlok as much information and learning as he could, trying to ease the agony he saw in his brother's coal black eyes. Little did Mobus realize the hatred seething behind Torlok's passive submission.

On the fourth night of the celebration, with Torlok's hatred coming to full fruition, the dark powers gathered in Shadoan, beyond the High Pass. There, they waited for Torlok's command.

Having exhausted themselves in celebration, the people did not place any guards at the gates into Alkatesh. No one was ready for anything but peace. And so Torlok's forces swept into the city of Alkatesh uncontested, destroying everything they saw. Wild panic ensued with death and destruction following the shadows of Torlok. Finally, Torlok gained the entrance to the door of the Citadel.



It is said that during the battle of Alkatesh, Mobus met his brother in the midst of the Broken Domes where the starlight showed sadly through the holes in the ceiling. Mobus' dark eyes seemed darker, it is said, clouded by the sadness he felt because of his brother's betrayal.

No one recorded what passed in the meeting between brothers; the dark powers gathering behind the one and the other standing alone. Mobus was not heard from again. He was not killed, however, for there came stories that a Wizard, tall, dark and sad, was building a Castle hidden in Shadoan. Torlok still was not in possession of the Amulet for it was said that Mobus parted the Amulet in five pieces, one for each of the Kingdoms. That was what Torlok wanted most from Mobus, for with it, none could withstand him. To prevent Torlok's dark power from possessing it, Mobus struck the Hand into five relics and had his Lieutenant, Arne, conceal them.

With Mobus gone and the power of the Argent Kings faded, Torlok's vengeance was bloody. He slew everyone from the great race of the Argent Kings. All, that is, except for one. For among the Argent Kings was a child not old enough for battle. This child was a girl named Cheron, and she was given to the Sea Dwellers before the battle that she might live and preserve the memory of the Argent Kings.

Upon hearing of the massacre in Alkatesh, Cheron fled the Sea Dweller's Pavilion so as not to bring Torlok's wrath upon those tranquil people. For years she wandered, finally resting in the Kingdom of Weigard.

There she met the villager named Theramir Kandor, who fell in love with her. In a year they had a son, and life in Weigard seemed far from Torlok's influence.

But Torlok's longing for power still pushed him. His flesh rotted and his body deformed. Yet, he lived on, creating an illusionary body. He sought control of every kingdom searching for the Hand, long hidden by Mobus. He expanded his search to the outermost parts of the Kingdoms, sending the Plague Magician as his emissary.

Cheron knew nothing of this until she heard from several villagers that the Plague Magician wanted to know her whereabouts. She knew of the Hand and of Torlok's burning desire for it but did not know where the pieces were hidden. And she knew intuitively the danger to her child, Lathan. But she had one hope. She had heard vague rumors of one Great Wizard who had escaped the carnage at Alkatesh. Perhaps he was the old man who lived on the hill south of Glendoe; the old man people called Daelon.

This happened many years ago. It is not known if Cheron and Theramir found Daelon, or if indeed Daelon was the last Great Wizard. Perhaps, even now, he is training Lathan, preparing him to find the Relics of Mobus and break the iron grip of Torlok.

II. Character Persona

Lathan

Raised by his parents, Theramir and Cheron, Lathan Kandor was an eager young man trained in the magical arts and spellcasting by the last great Wizard, Daelon. Lathan spent most of his life in the small village of Glendoe and dramatized the days of old when the Argent Kings reigned. During his apprenticeship under Daelon, Lathan learned about Mobus, Torlok and the Five Relics



Daelon

Daelon is the sole surviving member of the Order of the Great Wizards. Using powerful magic, he extended his life span to train apprentices to reassemble the five relics of the Hand of Mobus. Over hundreds of years, he prepared dozens of apprentices, but all eventually died or were corrupted by Torlok. In his final years, he had all but given up hope until Theramir and Cheron brought young Lathan to him. In Lathan, Daelon saw a last chance, a glimmer of hope. He trained the boy harder than any student in two hundred years. But the outside world intruded upon their lessons and they could wait no longer. Lathan would have to begin his quest.





Torlok

The twisted brother of the great Mobus, Torlok searches ruthlessly for the Five Relics. He knows that by assembling them he can finally dominate the Five Kingdoms. He sent his agent, The Plague Magician, to find the Relics and assassinate the Last of the Argent Kings. Now Torlok broods in the Sealed Castle and leaves only to menace Lathan.

Plague Magician

An evil wizard of amazing power, the Plague Magician is Torlok's enforcer. Once the Magician apprentice of the Great Wizard Kaldar, the Plague Magician betrayed his master to Torlok. Kaldar's last act before being killed was to create a crystal which could destroy his traitorous apprentice. The Plague Magician is fearful of the Crystal and will flee when confronted by it.



Drakes Blood

Once a favorite of Iscar's Court, Drakesblood was corrupted by Torlok's promise of power. For years, he built his sphere of influence in Iscar, spreading false rumors and vicious innuendos throughout the court. After ten years of plotting against the throne, Drakesblood had the King and Queen killed and placed the Princess under arrest. Now, with the help of Daelon's corrupt apprentices, Drakesblood is preparing to take control of the entire Kingdom.

Princess Grace Delight

As the daughter of King Demetre and Queen Akasha, The Princess (Grace Delight) was raised in the Palace of Iscar, surrounded by servants and couriers. She was imprisoned after Drakesblood murdered her parents. As her hopes for freedom fade, the once carefree girl has become a sorrowful young woman.



III. Loading Kingdom : The Far Reaches

Kingdom: The Far Reaches supports the 3DO mouse. All references to "pressing the A Button" can be accomplished by clicking on the left-hand mouse button on your 3DO mouse. References in the manual that refer to "selecting" mean to move the cursor so that it is pointing to the desired selection and pressing the A Button or clicking on the left-hand mouse button.

You can move the cursor around on the screen with the use of the mouse or the joypad. If you use the joypad, you can press and hold down the C Button to make the cursor move at a much faster pace.

Place your CD into your 3DO CD player as normal. After the loading screens appear, you will see several title screens. You can pass by these screens quickly by pressing the A Button. After all the loading and title screens have finished, you will see the Main Menu screen.

Main Menu Options :

Start Apprentice: Selecting this button will begin the game in the apprentice mode. This is the easier version of the game with many of the more difficult puzzles and traps removed.

Start Wizard: Selecting this button will begin the game in the wizard mode. This is the complete, advanced version of the game.

History: Selecting this button will show you a brief history movie of the last days of the Argent Kings.

Demo: This will put the game into a demo mode. A short demo of the sights and sounds of Kingdom: The Far Reaches will play in a continuous loop until you press the A Button to return to the Main Menu.

Quit: This will exit the game and return to the initial loading screen. You can then remove your CD.

Load: This button will only appear if you have saved a game while playing. Note that this is the only place where you can load a saved game."



IV. Game Synopsis and Levels

As Lathan Kandor, apprentice to the great magician Daelon, you have been given the task of reuniting three relics from the Hand of Mobus. The Hand of Mobus was separated during the cataclysmic fight in Alketesh between the brothers Mobus and Torlok. The Hand of Mobus represents complete rule and authority in the land of the Five Kingdoms. Once you have reunited the Hand of Mobus, you will be able to save Princess Grace Delight, the rightful ruler of Iscar, from the evil Drakesblood. By journeying to three kingdoms to retrieve each of the relics, you will explore strange worlds, meet interesting characters and maybe live to tell about it. Be careful. Torlok and his evil emissary, the Plague Magician, will attempt to thwart your progress or kill you outright. Many other characters don't care about your noble adventure and would kill you because you're in their way. So walk wisely and listen to the many friends you will find on the way.

The apprentice level is an introduction to Kingdom and has many locations (and deaths) removed. It is quite possible to finish the apprentice level very quickly. The Wizard Level is the complete game with all the puzzles, locations, and deaths intact.



V. Screens

Two main screens function throughout the game: the action screen and the map screen. You can change between them by moving the cursor over the Eye Icon and pressing the A Button or by pressing the B Button.

A. Action Screen

The action screen is where you meet characters, collect clues, get and use items and generally try to stay alive. Below is a picture of an action screen:



Main Window

Enjoy an animated sequence of your adventure. Once the animation is over, you can choose one of the various options listed below it.

Items/ Exits

On the Main Window itself, you can move your cursor around with the joypad or the mouse. Items that you can take or exits available will show up as text. Click on them with the A Button or left mouse button to take the item or to take the exit. Whenever an animated sequence ends, you may want to move your cursor around the Main Window to search for hidden items or paths.

Tree of Dendreon

Located along the top and right-hand side of the action screen is the Tree of Dendreon. Contained within are the Limb of Life, the Eye of Journey, the pouch containing an inventory of your items, the fast forward/replay button and the help button.

Limb of Life

The status of your health is indicated by the color of the branch along the top of the map screen. There are three health conditions you can experience:

Good : You are ready to fight mages, mist monsters and other creatures that inhabit each of the kingdoms. Please keep in mind, however, that you are not immortal.

Poor : Should you challenge the will of various ill-mannered creatures, you may end up on the worse end of the encounter. The branch of the Dendreon Tree along the top of the Map Window will fade to gray. There are healing locations within some of the kingdoms that will restore your health status. If you get in another scuffle before being healed, you will experience the final condition.

Dead : Things can't get much worse. Should you wander into an encounter which results in your demise, you will be entertained by your own death scene.

Life Status : You are given three chances to reunite the Hand of Mobus. The branch along the top of the map window indicates the number of lives you have left (or that you've wasted). After each death, the branch will shorten and you will be transported to a safe place within the kingdom where you met your unfortunate end. After viewing your death scene for the third time, you will be transported to the beginning of the game to start all over again.

Eye of Journey

Selecting the Eye of Journey allows you to access the map screen. (See the section under Map Screen). You can access the Map Screen any time the eye is open.

Pouch Icon

Hanging on the Tree of Dendreon will be a pouch that contains the various gifts and weapons that you have acquired in your efforts to reunite the Hand of Mobus and save Princess Grace Delight. Selecting the pouch will reveal all of the items in the pouch. Selecting one of the individual items displayed in the pouch will provide you with a more detailed picture of that item. Move the cursor anywhere on the screen and press the A Button to exit and return to the action screen.

Fast Forward/ Replay Button

During the animation sequence, the fast forward symbol (>>) is displayed. Pressing the A Button during animations will freeze the frame and allow you to skip past animation you may have already seen. Don't be too hasty, though. A visit to the same characters later in the game may yield new information. Once the animation has finished, the fast forward icon will be replaced by the replay icon (↶). If you missed anything during the animation, select this icon to replay the scene.

Help

You can access the help menu anytime during the game. The help menu consists of:

Resume Game : Selecting this option returns you to your previous position.

New Game : If your current adventure is going nowhere, selecting this option allows you to start over.

Music On/Off : Toggle this switch to turn on or off the music that plays between the movies.

Demo : For a demonstration of the Far Reaches, select this option and watch a movie preview for the game. It helps you realize there is a purpose to your wanderings.

Credits : This selection will bring up an animated sequence showing those who brought you this game.

Save Game : This will save your game at this point so that you can continue later. At the Main Menu screen, a **LOAD** button will appear which will allow you to load your game from your last saved position. Saving your game will delete any previously saved position.

Quit: It's late, you're tired and your 3DO is crying for a break. Selecting this option will allow return you to the loading screen where you can remove your CD and take a much-needed break.

Also within the help screen are illustrations of Lathan that represent the number of lives you have left to combat Torlok and Drakesblood. The illustrations change depending on your status.

Log of Kirkwood

The Log of Kirkwood appears at the bottom of the action screen and shows your available weaponry or spells. As you acquire more items, your inventory will grow; however, you can only see seven pieces of this inventory at a time. The Log of Kirkwood will only display items that can be used at that time. If an item is unusable, it won't be displayed. After the animation sequence has finished, the items of use will appear in the Log and you can select any of these. If the item is useful, it will cause the animation to continue. If it is not helpful, either nothing of consequence will happen, you'll waste a valuable spell, or you will be dead. A list of all the icons is provided in the Appendix.

Tide Control

To travel to the Sea Dwellers' Pavillion, you'll need control of the tides. When you get control, a Tide Control rock will appear under the tree. Select the rock to access Tide Control.

Sands of Time

Whenever you are being timed for something, a timer will appear under the tree. Prepare for the worst if you let time run out!

B. The Map Screen

When you select the Eye of Journey at the Action Screen, you are transferred to the map screen. An illustration of the map screen is shown below. It represents your current location and allows you to travel within the Kingdoms. Note that you can travel via the Map Screen any time the eye is open. This includes Daelon's Mansion.



The Main Window

The main window is a snapshot of the area you happen to be lost within the realm of the Five Kingdoms.



This is a picture of the Travel Map used when a Travel spell has been cast. It allows you to travel anywhere in Weigard, Illes, or Iscar,... but not when you are in poor health.

Cursor

The cursor points out locations on the screen that can be accessed from your current position. If a location is identified next to the cursor, you can journey there. When you move the

cursor over your current location, it will show your name, Lathan. When you move the cursor over your current location, it will show your name.

Tree of Dendreon

The Tree of Dendreon changes slightly from its function in the Action Screen.

Limb of Life

The function of the Limb of Life does not change in the Map Screen.

Eye of Action

Selecting the Eye of Action allows you to access the previous Action Screen.

Pouch Icon

Although the pouch continues to hang on the Tree of Dendreon, it does you no good. It is deactivated while you are in the Map Screen.

Zoom In/Zoom Out

The map screen is composed of eight layers of maps. When you arrived in the map screen from the action screen, you entered in on level 2. You can zoom in to level 1 or zoom out to level 8. Travelling about in the kingdoms is done in levels 1 and 2. After level 2, you can no longer travel. You can zoom in and out by selecting the buttons on the tree or by using the L and R buttons on your game pad.

Log of Kirkwood

The Log of Kirkwood appears at the bottom of the map screen. It's a nice place to sit and rest, but it is inactive while you are in the map screen.

VI. *Playing the Game*

Playing *Kingdom: The Far Reaches* is a matter of working back and forth between the animation sequences within the action screen and the map screen. Not forgetting that the life of Princess Grace Delight lies in your eager but young hands, you journey throughout the three kingdoms. Wiegard, Illes, and Iscar, attempting to reunite the Hand of Mobus and free the princess.

Kingdom: The Far Reaches can be played on two different levels: the Apprentice, or Beginning Level; and the Wizard, or Advanced Level. Once you have chosen your difficulty level, you will either begin at Daelon's Mansion in Apprentice mode or in the Center of Glendoe in Wizard Mode.

In the Apprentice mode, Daelon will commissions you to reassemble the Hand of Mobus and provides you with scrolls to begin your quest. Daelon then asks you to choose a location within the Kingdom of Wiegard to travel. Note that in Apprentice mode, you will not need to find the Hunting Horn or the Orb of Mobus as they are only in the advanced game.

In Wizard mode, you will start with nothing and will have to find Daelon's mansion on your own.

After the first action screen ends, you can either replay the scene to look for more clues, select one of the places



Daelon suggests (in Apprentice level), or select the Eye of Journey to travel on your own. When you select the Eye of Journey, the map screen will appear. Move the cursor on the map window to access any of the locations highlighted by the cursor.

Getting and Using Items

During the course of the game, you will either be given items to add to your inventory (such as the scrolls in Daelon's mansion), or an item is shown for you to accept. In some cases, you get an item by using



another item in your inventory. Upon retrieving an item, it will automatically be placed in your pouch on the Tree of Dendreon. Guard these items well! Thieves prowl the various kingdoms and are more than willing to help themselves to your hard-won prizes. Also, your Scrolls can only be used a limited number of times. The number of uses left appears by the scroll when you access your Pouch Icon.

To use the items in your inventory, point to the desired item with the cursor and press the A button. In the Log of Kirkwood, if an item is completely inappropriate, then it won't show up and you cannot use it at that location. A word of caution, though; if you use an item in an area where it may be considered rude or threatening, you may end up using the item with potentially disastrous results.

Healing

Note that there are locations in the game where friendly characters or magical auras can restore your health. It is said that the Haunted Waterfalls is one such place, but the path to the waterfalls is guarded and dangerous.

VII. List of Icons

To identify and icon, select the Pouch Icon on the Tree of Dendreon. An illustration of the items you have in your pouch will be shown. Select the desired item and a description of the item will appear. The following is a list and more detailed description of the Icons you will use in playing Kingdom:

Scrolls

Scroll of Seeing

Brings sight to the blind and shows those with vision things that are hidden.

Scroll of Release

Disarms traps and separates things that are bound together.

Scroll of Understanding

Gives understanding to strange runes and foreign languages. It can also aid relations with potentially hostile humans.

Scroll of Traveling

Transports Lathan to other locations in the kingdoms. The physical exertion needed to use this scroll causes Lathan's condition to weaken. You cannot use the scroll of traveling while Lathan's health is in an already weakened condition.

Items

Crystal of Kaldar

Forged by the Wizard Kaldar, it provides protection from the Plague Magician.

Cold Fire

Not a fire at all, but highly phosphorescent magical rock. The light it gives off looks like a slowly burning fire. A strong impact will cause a cold fire to explode.

Great Onyx Seal

Created by the former ruler of Illes, the Great Onyx Seal is a symbol of strength and can open doors to great things.

Wood Elf Staff

The staff is made of Dendreon, a magical tree that is impervious to magical spells.

Blood Sword of Argent Kings

This weapon was carried by the leader of the Argent Kings during his last battle against Torlok. Some believe that the Plague Magician took it from the dead king's body and hid the sword in his Black Keep.

Talisman Sceptre

A symbol of great majesty and honor in Illes, the Talisman Sceptre was stolen by a group of monks who await one worthy of it.

Enchanted Bow

Also created out of Dendreon, the bow is a powerful aid in overthrowing Torlok and Drakesblood.

Pentacle Coins

Magical golden coins from the Kingdom of Iscar.
They are irresistible to the greedy.

Golden Chalice

This powerful item of elemental control belonged to Skylar of Cloud Keep. It was stolen from him by Drakesblood's wizards, but, in turn, was stolen from them by someone else.

Silver Wheat

Wherever an Argent King is buried, Silver Wheat grows. A beautiful but dangerous plant, it had great value to the ancients.

Runes of Iscar

The judges of Iscar carried their right of law above them in glowing runes for all to see. These runes are still respected in that kingdom, although the Plague Magician killed the last judge years ago.

Relics

Black Mace

As Torlok and Mobus stood in the midst of the Broken Domes, it was said that the Black Mace was the only thing that saved Mobus.

Hunting Horn

Its loud, distinctive sound can be heard throughout the land. It is said that its sound may be able to unlock doors.

Orb of Mobus

Containing some of Mobus' power, the Orb can dispel magical auras.

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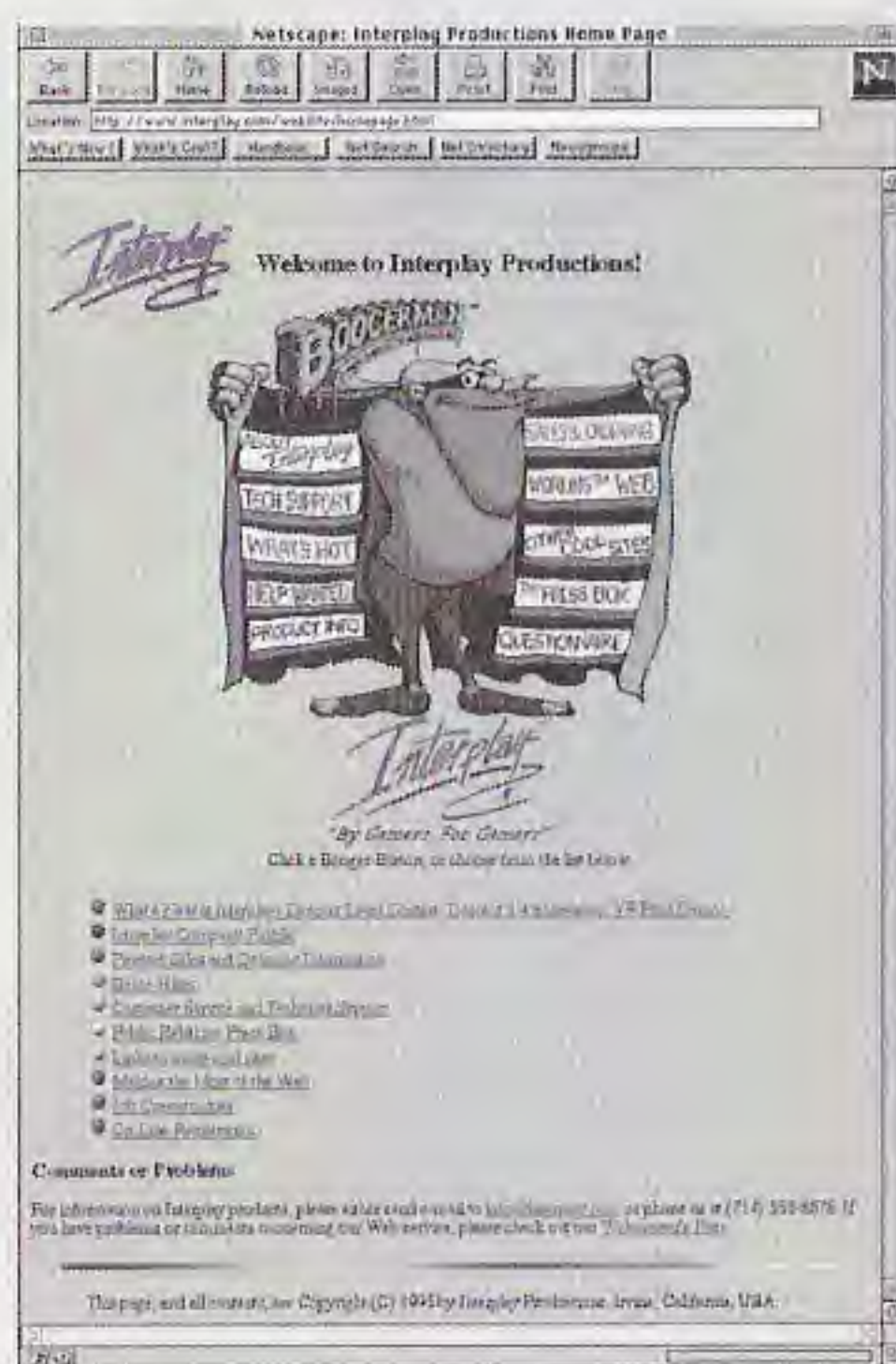
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A walk-through to get you going on your adventure

How To Heal the Blind Beggar

1. Put the Kingdom CD into your 3DO system.
2. Watch the title movies or press the A BUTTON to advance past each of them.
3. At the Main Menu screen, select the box containing "START APPRENTICE" by moving the cursor to that box and pressing the A BUTTON. This will start the game in apprentice mode, the easier level.
4. Immediately you will watch a movie that starts your adventure. It will continue as you then are automatically taken into Daelon's mansion. Daelon will give you three scrolls of seeing, and then will ask you which spells he should work on next.
5. Select the spell of release..you will need those scrolls next.
6. Daelon will then ask you where you want to go. Select the Center of Glendoe.
7. You will then appear at the Center of Glendoe and watch a movie there. (Note you can fast-forward through the movie by pressing the A BUTTON. You can replay the movie once it is finished by selecting the replay button imbedded in the tree to the right of the movie screen.)
8. When the movie is finished, you will need to go to the Map Screen. You can get there by selecting the EYE button in the upper right corner of the screen, or by pressing the B BUTTON.
9. As you move the cursor around the map screen, locations where you can travel will appear. When you move over the "Center of Glendoe," the word

"Lathan" will appear as that is the name of the character you are playing and that is where you currently are located.

10. Move just south of the "Center of Glendoe" to where it says "Outskirts of Glendoe". Press the A BUTTON on this location and you will travel there.

11. You then will see a movie that contains a blind beggar. Note that when this movie stops playing, an icon in the log below the screen will appear which represents your scrolls of seeing. Any time a movie ends and you have items in your inventory which you can use, they will appear in the log at the bottom of the screen.

12. In this case, you need to use a spell of seeing to heal the blind beggar. Move the cursor down to the scroll in the log and press the A BUTTON.

13. Congratulations! You have just solved the first puzzle in the game. From here, you might want to click on the "?" (HELP) icon in the tree where you will be given a list of options including "Save Game", "Quit", or "Resume Game". Or you may just want to continue onward in the game. The Treefolk Forest to the north may be an interesting place to go next...



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